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Information Centers & Museums

Thompson Island Information Center

Entrance: Good

Parking: Good

Rest Rooms: OK

Pay Phones: Good

Water Fountain: OK

Special Notes: Open Seasonally. Park and Chamber information.

Hulls Cove Visitor Center & Eastern National Bookstore

Entrance: OK

Parking: Good

Rest Rooms: Good

Pay Phones: Good

Water Fountain: OK

Special Notes: Follow signs which lead to accessible parking lot. Elevator to second floor. Cups available for water fountain. Open Mid-April-October.

Sieur de Monts Nature Center

Entrance: X

Parking: Good

Rest Rooms: OK

Pay Phones: Good

Water Fountain: X

Special Notes: Ramp at back door. Open June-September.

Park Headquarters

Entrance: Good

Parking: Good

Rest Rooms: OK

Pay Phones: Good

Water Fountain: OK

Special Notes: Open Mid-April to Oct. M-F 8am-4:30pm; Nov. to Mid-April, Daily 8am-4:30pm.

Islesford Historical Museum (On Little Cranberry Island)

Entrance: X

Parking: X

Rest Rooms: OK

Pay Phones: X

Water Fountain: X

Special Notes: Access by boat. Restrooms in nearby building.

Park Campgrounds

Blackwoods

Overall Rating: Good

Ranger Station: Good

Rest Rooms: OK

Pay Phones: Good

Fire Grills: Good

Picnic Tables: Good

Amphitheater: Good

There are 5 designated accessible campsites with paved walkways leading to fire grill, picnic table, water, restrooms and amphitheater. Register for campsite from your car window. (Reservations required May 1–October 31.) Call 1-800-365-2267 or register on-line: <http://reservations.nps.gov/>.

Seawall

Overall Rating: Good

Ranger Station: X

Rest Rooms: OK

Pay Phones: Good

Fire Grills: Good

Picnic Tables: Good

Amphitheater: Good

Campsite A-27 and nearby restroom are accessible. Long paved walkway leads to amphitheater. All new restrooms are accessible.

Museums on Mount Desert Island

(privately operated—most seasonal)

Abbe Museum (Sieur de Monts)

Main Entrance: ?

Parking: OK

Rest Rooms: Good

Pay Phones: OK

Water Fountain: none

Special Notes: Assistance may be needed for ascending steep paved trail to museum.

Abbe Museum (Bar Harbor)

Main Entrance: Good

Parking: Good

Rest Rooms: Good

Pay Phones: Good

Water Fountain: Good

Special Notes: Parking and access in rear.

George B. Dorr Natural History Museum (College of the Atlantic-Bar Harbor)

Main Entrance: OK

Parking: Good

Rest Rooms: Good

Pay Phones: Good

Water Fountain: Good

Special Notes: Grade from parking area may require assistance

Great Harbor Museum (Northeast Harbor)

Main Entrance: OK

Parking: Good

Rest Rooms: OK

Pay Phones: Good

Water Fountain: none

Special Notes: Only bottom floor is accessible.

Mt. Desert Oceanarium (Southwest Harbor)

Main Entrance: OK

Parking: OK

Rest Rooms: X

Pay Phones: X

Water Fountain: X

Special Notes: One inch curb at entrance. Numerous hands-on exhibits. Phone available.

Wendell Gilley Museum (Southwest Harbor)

Main Entrance: OK

Parking: OK

Rest Rooms: OK

Pay Phones: none

Water Fountain: Good

Special Notes: Ramp to side entrance - may need assistance. Phone available.

Sound School House Museum (Mount Desert)

Main Entrance: Good

Parking: Good

Rest Rooms: Good

Pay Phones: none

Water Fountain: none

Special Notes: none

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Picnic Areas

Bear Brook

Overall Rating: Good

Parking: Good

Rest Rooms: Good

Water Fountain: Good

Fire Grill: Good

Picnic Table: Good

Special Notes: Some level sites.

Fabbri

Overall Rating: Good

Parking: Good

Rest Rooms: Good

Water Fountain: Good

Fire Grill: Good

Picnic Table: Good

Special Notes: Paved walkway leads to accessible site.

Frazer Point (Schoodic)

Overall Rating: Good

Parking: Good

Rest Rooms: Good

Water Fountain: Good

Fire Grill: Good

Picnic Table: Good

Special Notes: Several level grassy sites.

Pretty Marsh

Overall Rating: OK

Parking: Good

Rest Rooms: Good

Water Fountain: Good

Fire Grill: Good

Picnic Table: Good

Special Notes: Rough terrain.

Seawall

Overall Rating: OK

Parking: Good

Rest Rooms: OK

Water Fountain: none

Fire Grill: Good

Picnic Table: Good

Special Notes: One designated accessible site, others on uneven terrain.

Thompson Island

Overall Rating: OK

Parking: Good

Rest Rooms: Good

Water Fountain: Good

Fire Grill: Good

Picnic Table: Good

Special Notes: Views of Thomas Bay. Assistance may be needed to shore.

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Beaches

Echo Lake

Overall Rating: ?

Parking: Good

Rest Rooms: X

Water Fountain: X

Pay Phones: OK

Changing Rooms: X

Special Notes: Steep road to beach begins at the “No Parking Any Time” sign.

Sand Beach

Overall Rating: X

Parking: Good

Rest Rooms: X

Water Fountain: X

Pay Phones: Good

Changing Rooms: X

Special Notes: 31 steps make the beach inaccessible.

Ike’s Point

Overall Rating: OK

Parking: OK

Rest Rooms: none

Water Fountain: none

Pay Phones: none

Changing Rooms: none

Special Notes: Small boat launch area.

Shops and Restaurants

(concession operated)

shops

Cadillac Mountain

Main Entrance: Good

Parking: Good

Rest Rooms: Good

Pay Phones: none

Special Notes:

Jordan Pond

Main Entrance: Good

Parking: Good

Rest Rooms: X

Pay Phones: X

Special Notes: Elevator to second floor.

Thunder Hole

Main Entrance: X

Parking: Good

Rest Rooms: Good

Pay Phones: none

Special Notes: Chemical toilet.

Restaurants

Jordan Pond House

Main Entrance: Good

Parking: Good

Rest Rooms: OK

Pay Phones: Good

Special Notes: Open seasonally.

Ranger-led Programs

Ranger-led activities are offered mid-May to mid-October. Accessible programs are listed in the park newspaper, *The Beaver Log*, available at any park information station. Also available at www.nps.gov/, or check with the park staff regarding details of specific programs.

Hulls Cove Visitor Center Orientation Video

The park orientation program is captioned. Cassette receivers with descriptive narrative, French, or German translation are available at the information desk.

Auto Tape Tour

A self-guided tape tour of the Park Loop Road, Cadillac Summit and Somes Sound may be rented or purchased at the Visitor Center. Tape players may also be rented. Also available on CD for use on car CD player.

A certified sign language interpreter may be available for some interpretive programs with a two week advanced notice. Service is dependent on availability of funds and interpreters. Phone (207) 288-8800 (TTY) or (207) 288-3338 (voice) for information.

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Trails

Sieur de Monts Spring Area

Accessible parking is located near the Nature Center.

Wild Gardens of Acadia

Garden paths are a packed gravel-surfaced. Assistance may be helpful.

Hemlock Road

On the right as you enter the parking lot is a hard, gravel-surfaced abandoned road. Trail meanders through woodlands at the base of Dorr Mountain. (1.5 miles round trip). For the adventurous and hardy.

Wonderland Trail

Park in the Wonderland Parking lot, west of Seawall Campground on Route 102-A. Following an abandoned road, the trail has both level and hilly sections. It is generally hard-packed with some loose and rocky sections. In a mile, the trail leaves the woods and opens onto the shoreline at the tip of the Wonderland Peninsula. Assistance will be necessary in several places, but the view is worth the effort.

Ship Harbor Trail

Park in the Ship Harbor Parking lot, west of Seawall Campground on Route 102-A. First quarter mile of the trail is a hard packed surface leading to the mudflats. Access to intertidal pools is over rocky, uneven terrain.

Man of War Brook Fire Road

Park in the small unmarked gravel parking area on the east side of Route 102, one-eighth mile north of the larger paved Acadia Mountain parking area. Follow the abandoned road through a quiet, mixed growth woodland. The road is about one mile long. Beware of uphill and downhill grades, washouts, and exposed culverts. Assistance may be necessary

Carroll Homestead—Self-Guided Trail

Located on Rt. 102, one mile north of Southwest Harbor, this half mile self-guided trail leads around the grounds of the Carroll Homestead. The path is hard-packed but root-covered and uneven. Assistance may be necessary on path and grassy field near house. Accessible parking is available at end of the road adjacent to house. The self-guiding trail pamphlet is available on site or at the Visitor Center.

Carriage Roads

Generally, the carriage road system offers the best access to many remote and scenic areas. The two easiest are listed below. Others tend to be steeper. Extended use of the carriage roads depends on your ability and endurance.

Eagle Lake

Park at the Eagle Lake Parking lot on the north side of Route 233. North, the carriage roads lead towards Breakneck Ponds, Half Moon Pond, and Witch Hole Pond (round trip-5.3 miles). South, under the stone bridge, the carriage roads lead in two directions around Eagle Lake (round trip-6 miles). When following the carriage roads, be aware of washouts, steep grades, and bicycle traffic. Assistance may be helpful. Accessible parking and chemical toilets.

Bubble Pond

From the parking area, follow the level trail to the north end of Bubble Pond. From here you have access to the carriage roads, one of which borders the pond. Accessible parking and chemical toilets.

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Boat Cruises

(privately operated)

Cruises focus on the natural and cultural history of Acadia National Park and the islands off the coast of Mount Desert Island. Trips vary in length from two to five hours. Most operate May through mid-October. Cruise prices vary. Boarding is easiest at high tide when ramp-way slopes are less steep. Contact the boat operators ahead of time to make arrangements for assistance. One can remain in wheelchair on the lower deck of boats.

Islesford Historical Cruise

Visit the Islesford Historical Museum which is part of Acadia National Park. The boat cruise is accessible. Disembarking on Little Cranberry Island would be difficult. Meet at Northeast Harbor Town Dock, (207) 276-5352.

Other Information

Isle au Haut Ferry

Strips of wood running perpendicular to the ramp make it extremely difficult to unload at Isle au Haut Town Landing. There are no accessible campsites on Isle au Haut.

Wildwood Stables

There are two wheelchair accessible horse-drawn carriages each of which accommodates two passengers using wheelchairs and several additional passengers. Ramp to office. Accessible parking and restrooms.

Intertidal Zone

The best access to an intertidal zone is on the gravel bar between Bar Island and Bar Harbor at low tide. Automobiles may be driven onto the gravel bar. Access is via a rocky and uneven ramp on Bridge Street in Bar Harbor.

Thunder Hole

Accessible parking in right hand lane of road or in the upper parking lot near restrooms or gift shop. Ramped walkway leads to a viewing area of Thunder Hole.

Golden Access Passport

Free to US citizens with disabilities. Provides entrance and half-price camping at most national parks, monuments, and federal recreation areas. You must have the passport before making camping reservations in order to receive the discount. Passports are available at the Park Headquarters, Hulls Cove Visitor Center, the Village Green, Entrance Station, and Blackwoods and Seawall campgrounds in Acadia or at any National Park, National Forest, Bureau of Land Management, Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and Bureau of Reclamation areas.

Public Transportation on Mount Desert Island

The Island Explorer free shuttle bus links Acadia National Park and neighboring village centers. There are two wheelchair spaces on each bus. Schedules are available at information centers or on the Island Explorer web site

Emergency Phone Numbers

Park Rangers

Personal Injury or Property Damage (207) 288-3338 or 207-288-8800 (TTY)

Outside the Park

All of Mount Desert Island: 911

Bar Harbor Police: 288-3391

Southwest Harbor Police: 244-5552

Mount Desert Police: 276-5111 (TTY)

Mid-April through October 31, Monday-Friday, 8:00am-4:30pm; November to mid-April, daily, 8am-4:30pm. (207) 288-3338 (voice)/(207) 288-8800 (TTY)

Acadia National Park is continually working to improve access for all visitors. If you have any comments or suggestions concerning access during your visit, please write:

Acadia National Park

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